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In the Claims:

1. – 30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A surface treatment composition comprising at least 50% (w/v) water, at least one surfactant and in an amount of at least 0.5% (w/v) of at least two different organic acids each present both as an organic acid and as an organic acid salt.

32. (currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 31, wherein one or both of the organic acids or salt thereof has two or more carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups.

33. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31, wherein one of the organic acids or salts thereof has two or more carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups, and the other organic acid or salt thereof has one carboxylic acid or carboxylate group.

34. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31, wherein one of the one organic acids or salts thereof has one carboxylic acid or carboxylate group, being a linear or branched optionally substituted hydroxyalkyl carboxylic acid or salt or alkylmonocarboxylic acid or salt comprising 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

35. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein one of the organic acids or salts thereof has two carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups and is a linear or branched, optionally substituted hydroxyalkyldicarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 2 to 10 chain carbon atoms or is a linear or branched, optionally substituted alkyldicarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 2 to 10 chain carbon atoms.

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36. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein one of the organic acids or salts thereof has three carboxylic acid or carboxylate groups and is a linear or branched, optionally substituted hydroxyalkyltricarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 3 to 10 chain carbon atoms or is a linear or branched, optionally substituted alkyltricarboxylic acid or salt thereof of 3 to 10 chain carbon atoms.
37. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein at least one of the organic acids or salts thereof buffers the composition to a desired pH.
38. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein the first acid is lactic acid, the salt of the first acid is a lactate, the second acid is citric acid, and the salt of the second acid is a citrate.
39. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein the total concentration of organic acids and salts thereof present in the composition is at least 1% (w/v).
40. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein the pH of the composition is no more than 6.
41. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein the total concentration of surfactant(s) in the composition is at least 2% (w/v).
42. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 31 wherein the composition further comprises a biocidal agent.
43. (previously presented) A surface treatment composition comprising a composition according to claim 31.

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44. (previously presented) A package comprising a container containing a composition according to according to claim 31, further comprising a restricted dispenser outlet under the control of a user.
45. (withdrawn - previously presented) A method of treating a surface, the method comprising the step of contacting the surface with a composition according to claim 31.
46. (withdrawn - previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 45 wherein the method is a method of removing dirt from a surface.
47. (withdrawn - previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 45 wherein the method is a method of removing or inhibiting microbial growth from skin or hair.
- 48.(new) A surface treatment composition comprising at least 50% (w/v) water, at least one biocidal agent, least one surfactant and in an amount of at least 0.5% (w/v) of at least two different organic acids each present both as an organic acid and as an organic acid salt.
- 49.(new) A surface treatment composition according to claim 48 wherein the at least one biocidal agent is selected from the group consisting of: bactericides, viricide, fungicide, parasiticide, herbicide, algicide, and mixtures thereof.
- 50.(new) A surface treatment composition according to claim 48 wherein the biological agent is a bactericide.
- 51.(new) A surface treatment composition according to claim 48 wherein the biological agent is PCMX.

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- 52.(new) A surface treatment composition comprising at least one biocidal agent, least one surfactant and in an amount of at least 0.5% (w/v) of at least two different organic acids each present both as an organic acid and as an organic acid salt.
- 53.(new) A surface treatment composition according to claim 52 wherein the at least one biocidal agent is selected from the group consisting of: bactericides, viricide, fungicide, parasiticide, herbicide, algicide, and mixtures thereof.
- 54.(new) A surface treatment composition according to claim 52 wherein the biological agent is a bactericide.
- 55.(new) A surface treatment composition according to claim 52 wherein the biological agent is PCMX.